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1. NEW DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL PRAMAN ADIREKSEN TOLD NEWSPAPER REPORTERS ON MARCH 19 THAT THE THAI WILL HALT U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT FOR CAMBODIA THROUGH THAILAND. HE ALSO SAID THAT THAILAND WILL NOT INTERFERE IN CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. (REF.)

2. NEW PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT GAVE A BRIEF NEWS CONFERENCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MARCH 20 IN WHICH HE SUPPORTED PRAMAN'S COMMENTS. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL USIS TRANSLATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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KHUKRIT'S REMARKS:

REPORTER: THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW THAILAND TO BE USED AS A CENTER FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS FOR FIGHTING IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

KHUKRIT: I APPROVE THAT.

REPORTER: THEN NON-INTERFERENCE IN CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS WILL ALSO MEAN THAT WE WILL STOP ALLOWING AMERICA TO USE UTAPAO...

KHUKRIT; ... WE MUST HOLD TALKS...

REPORTER: ON AIRLIFTS?

KHUKRIT: YES, ON THAT SUBJECT.

REPORTER: WILL WE COMPLETELY STOP ALL AID WE ARE GIVING IT ALSO?

KHUKRIT: I THINK IT WILL HAVE TO BE STOPPED.

REPORTER: COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US FURTHER DETAILS ON NOT ALLOWING OUR COUNTRY TO BE USED AS A CENTER FOR THE RELAYING AND TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS FOR FIGHTING IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THAT WE WILL NOT ALLOW AIRLIFTS TO BE CARRIED ON?

KHUKRIT: YOU HAD BETTER GO AND ASK THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE FOR DETAILS IN THIS MATTER.

REPORTER: BUT WILL WE CONTINUE GIVING FORMS OF AID FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANITY, SUCH AS AID IN THE FORM OF RICE AND MEDICINES?

KHUKRIT: SHOULD THERE BE WAYS TO GIVE SUCH FORMS OF AID, THEY MUST BE GIVEN.

3. WE WILL BE COMMENTING ON THIS RTG STANCE IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.
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